

FOOTBALL Champions League

Pochettino hails Spurs' character

TURIN (AP) — There is an increasingly popular word in the Tottenham camp these days.

Character. Tottenham staged a remarkable recovery on Tuesday in the Champions League after conceding two goals inside the opening nine minutes away to Juventus before drawing the first leg of their last-16 match 2-2. Ahead of the game, Juventus had conceded once in their previous 16 matches.

Mauricio Pochettino's young team have drawn many admirers with their passion and skill, and the manager believes the final piece of the puzzle has dropped into place for Spurs.

“We showed we are mature enough to compete in the Champions League,” Pochettino said. “We showed great character. The good thing, this is our fourth season and we are always improving in different aspects. This aspect was the last but it was necessary to try to be competitive and fight for big things.”

England player Dele Alli was at the heart of Spurs' comeback, threading the ball through to Harry Kane for the visiting side's first goal in another influential performance from the 21-year-old midfielder.

“We've got a lot of confidence in our team but when you start that poorly you make it difficult for yourself,” Alli said.

“We've got a great dressing room, the boys believe in each other and in



Team's heartbeat: Dele Alli, left is challenged by Juventus' Mattia de Sciglio at the Allianz Stadium in Turin on Tuesday. Tottenham fought back from two goals down to draw the match 2-2

AP Photo/Antonio Calanni

themselves and in the team and in the way we play.”

Alli said Juventus' impressive record

was on players' minds but their true character had shone through.

“We knew about their record going

into the game, you know they haven't conceded many goals so going 2-0 down early sometimes you can hide for the

rest of the game and sit back but I think we took the game to them, we dominated from after the first ten minutes and I think it shows a lot of character to come to this place and score two goals.”

The Juventus match was the latest in a string of Champions League results, which have made the rest of Europe sit up and take note of Spurs — and Pochettino.

Tottenham beat defending champions Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund to top their group, in stark contrast to last season when Spurs failed to reach the knockout stages.

“Yeah definitely,” said Alli when asked if the match would have finished differently last season. “We did say last season we wanted to learn from it because it was a disappointing campaign for us. I think we've showed that we have.”

The result — and the two away goals — leaves Spurs as favourites to finish the job when the two teams meet in the second leg at Wembley Stadium on March 7.

If Tottenham do advance to the quarter-finals, Christian Eriksen sees nothing to fear from anyone.

“We don't care where we are, what time it is, which stadium it is, which team we're playing,” said Eriksen, who scored the equalising free kick at Juventus. “We showed character to come back and we're not going to lie down whoever we play.”

SPORT SCOREBOARD

BERMUDA

BOWLING

FISHBOWL LEAGUE
Activators 7½ Spare Change 12½
MiniMax Forwarders 9 Mix Ups 11
Warriors 14 Movers "N" Shakers 6
Fight Back 15 Untouchables 5
Troublemakers 7 Unpredictable 13

Women Scratch Game: Shirley Tuzo 222; Juliette Smith 214; Laura Tucker 212; Frances Trott 201
Women Scratch Series: Shirley Tuzo 548; Laura Tucker 539; Patrice Tucker 517; Susie Bradshaw 514
Men Scratch Game: Michael Honore 258; Kevin Swan 247; Carl Reid 225; Miles Smith 224
Men Scratch Series: Michael Honore 719; Carl Reid 637; Kevin Swan 631; Anthony Smith 612

Standings
1. Unpredictable 303 2. MiniMax Forwarders 268 3. Untouchables 254 4. Mix Ups 253 5. Fight Back 251½ 6. Activators 227 7. Warriors 208½ 8. Spare Change 200 9. Movers "N" Shakers 196½ 10. Troublemakers 118½

PERFECT STORM LEAGUE
BYE 0 Zone Team 20
Pin Snipers 18 Two Flags 2
Bda. Forwarders Power Play 13 Strikers 7
Yeah 4 Us 3X EM Out 17
10 Pins Down 9 Ya' Right 11

Men's High Scratch Game: Terrance Minors 261; Mark Gibbons 259; Tim Lodge 223
Men's High Scratch Series: Mark Gibbons 661; Terrance Minors 635; Donald Dane 621
Women's High Scratch Game: Maryell Jackson 196; Tiffany Caisey 193; Miriam Caisey 175
Women's High Scratch Series: Tiffany Caisey 523; Maryell Jackson 502; Miriam Caisey 488

Standings	W	L
1. Bda. Forwarders Power Play	331	109
2. Yeah 4 Us	296	144
3. Pin Snipers	275½	164½
4. Ya' Right	260½	179½
5. X EM Out	254½	185½
6. Zone Team	227	215
7. Strikers	202	238
8. 10 Pins Down	195	245
9. Two Flags	158½	281½

OVERSEAS

FOOTBALL

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Round of 16, first leg
Yesterday's results
Porto 0 Liverpool 5
Real Madrid 3 Paris Saint-Germain 1

EUROPA LEAGUE
Round of 32, first leg
Today's games
FC Astana v Sporting Lisbon
Borussia Dortmund v Atalanta
Ludogorets Razgrad v AC Milan
Marseille v Sporting Braga
Nice v Lokomotiv Moscow
Ostersunds FK v Arsenal
Real Sociedad v FC Red Bull Salzburg
Spartak Moscow v Athletic Bilbao
AEK Athens v Dynamo Kiev
Celtic v Zenit St Petersburg
FC Copenhagen v Atlético Madrid
Steaua Bucharest v Lazio
Lyon v Villarreal
Napoli v RB Leipzig
Partizan Belgrade v Viktoria Plzen

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND
Tomorrow's games
Leicester City v Sheffield United
Chelsea v Hull City

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	40	16	.714	—
Boston	40	18	.690	1
Philadelphia	29	25	.537	10
New York	23	35	.397	18
Brooklyn	19	39	.328	22
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	32	24	.571	—
Miami	30	27	.526	2½
Charlotte	23	33	.411	9
Orlando	18	38	.321	14
Atlanta	18	40	.310	15
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Milwaukee	32	24	.571	2
Indiana	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	27	29	.482	7
Chicago	20	36	.357	14
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	43	13	.768	—



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Contest for the ages: Shaun White, of the United States, performs an acrobatic jump during the men's halfpipe finals at Phoenix Snow Park at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, yesterday. **Story, page 35**

San Antonio	35	24	.593	9½
New Orleans	30	26	.536	13
Memphis	18	37	.327	24½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	35	25	.583	—
Oklahoma City	32	26	.552	2
Denver	31	26	.544	2½
Portland	31	26	.544	2½
Utah	29	28	.509	4½
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	44	13	.772	—
LA Clippers	29	26	.527	14
LA Lakers	23	32	.418	20
Sacramento	18	38	.321	25½
Phoenix	18	40	.310	26½

Monday's results
New Orleans 118 Detroit 103
Philadelphia 108 New York 92
LA Clippers 114 Brooklyn 101
Chicago 105 Orlando 101
Utah 101 San Antonio 99
Golden State 129 Phoenix 83
Tuesday's results
Toronto 115 Miami 112
Cleveland 120 Oklahoma City 112
Houston 126 Minnesota 108
Milwaukee 97 Atlanta 92
Sacramento 114 Dallas 109
Denver 117, San Antonio 109
Today's games
Denver at Milwaukee, 9pm
LA Lakers at Minnesota, 10pm
Tomorrow's games
Team World v Team USA at Los Angeles, Calif., 10pm

BOXING

At Reno-Sparks Convention Centre, Reno, Nev. (ESPN), Raymundo Beltran v Paulus Moses, 12, for the vacant WBO World lightweight title; Egidijus Kavaliauskas v David Avanesyan, 10, lightweights.
Saturday
At Manchester, England, George Groves v Chris Eubank Jr, 12, for Groves' WBA Super World and Eubank's IBO super middleweight titles (World Boxing Super Series semi-finals); Ryan Walsh v Isaac Lowe, 12, for Walsh's British featherweight title; Zach Parker v Adasat Rodriguez, 10, super middleweights; Tommy Langford v Jack Arnfield, 12, for Langford's British middleweight title; Arfan Iqbal v Simon Vallily, 10, for Iqbal's English cruiserweight title.
At El Paso, Texas (FOX), Devon Alexander v Victor Ortiz, 12, welterweights; Caleb Plant v Rogelio Medina, 12, super middleweights.
At Mandalay Bay Events Centre, Las Vegas (SHO), Danny Garcia v Brandon Rios, 12, welterweights; David Benavidez v Ronald Gavril, 12, for Benavidez's WBC World super middleweight title; Ray Robinson v Yordenis Ugas, 12, welterweights; Lionell Thompson v Edwin Rodriguez, 10, light heavyweights; Ladarius Miller v Argenis Mendez, 10, lightweights.
Feb. 22
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN), Joseph Diaz, Jr v Victor Terrazas, 12, for Diaz's NABO featherweight title.
Feb. 24

At the Forum, Inglewood, Calif. (HBO), Wisaskil Wangek v Juan Francisco Estrada, 12, for Wangek's WBC World super flyweight title; Carlos Cuadras v McWilliams Arroyo, 10, junior bantamweights; Donnie Nietes v Juan Carlos Revelo, 12, for Nietes' IBF flyweight title; Brian Viloria v Artem Dalakian, 12, for the vacant WBA World flyweight title.
Feb. 28
At Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, Darny Roman v Ryo Matsu-moto, 12, for Roman's WBA super bantamweight title.
March 1
At Tokyo, Luis Nery v Shinsuke Yamanaka, 12, for Nery's WBC World bantamweight title; Ryoosuke Iwasa v Ernesto Saulong, 12, for Iwasa's IBF junior featherweight title.
March 3
At Paris, Brian Castano v Cedric Vitu, 12, for Castano's WBA World super welterweight title.
At Barclays Centre, Brooklyn, NY (SHO), Deontay Wilder v Luis Ortiz, 12, for Wilder's WBC world heavyweight title; Jermall Charlo v Hugo Centeno, 12, for vacant WBC interim middleweight title.
At Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), Sergey Kovalev v Igor Mikhalkin, 12, for Kovalev's WBO-IBO light heavyweight titles; Dmitry Bivol v Sullivan Barrera, 12, for Bivol's WBA World light heavyweight title; Vaughn Alexander v Jaime Solorio, 10, middleweights.

March 6
At Chonburi, Thailand, Knockout CP Freshmart v Toto Landero, 12, for CP Freshmart's WBA straw-weight title.
March 9
At Costa Mesa, Calif. (ESPN2), Ronny Rios v Azat Hovhannisyan, 10, junior featherweights.
At Deadwood, S.D. (SHO), Regis Prograis v Viktor Postol, 12, for vacant interim WBC junior welterweight title; Ivan Baranchyk v Anthony Yigit, 12, junior welterweights.

March 10
At Struer, Denmark, Dina Thorlund v Alicia Ashley, 10, for vacant WBC interim women's junior featherweight title; Dennis Ceylan v Jesus Sanchez, 10, featherweights.
At Alamodome, San Antonio (SHO), Sergey Lipinets v Mikey Garcia, 12, for Lipinets' IBF junior welterweight title; Rances Barthelemy v Kiryl Relikh, 12, for the vacant WBA World super lightweight title; Richard Commey v Alejandro Luna, 12, lightweights; Mario Barrios v Eudy Bernardo, 10, junior welterweights.
At Carson, Calif. (ESPN), Oscar Valdez v Scott Quigg, 12, for Valdez's WBO featherweight title; Andy Vences v Erick DeLeon, 10, junior lightweights.
March 17
At Madison Square Garden Theatre, New York (ESPN), Jose Ramirez v Amir Imam, 12, for the vacant WBC World super lightweight title; Oleksandr Gvozdyk v Mehdi Amar, 12, for vacant WBC interim light heavyweight title; Felix Verdejo v Antonio Lozada Jr, 10, lightweights; Christopher Diaz v Miguel Beltran Jr, 10, super featherweights.

March 18
At Kobe, Japan, Ryuya Yamanaka v Moises Calleros, 12, for Yamanaka's WBO strawweight title.
At Marseille, France, Ryad Merhy v Arsen Goulamirian, 12, for vacant WBA World cruiserweight title.
At Cardiff, Wales (SHO), Anthony Joshua v Joseph Parker, 12, IBF-WBA-WBO heavyweight titles; Alexander Povetkin v David Price, 12, heavyweights.
April 7
At TBA (SHO), Jarrett Hurd v Erislandy Lara, 12, IBF-WBA junior middleweight titles.
At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Angel Acosta v Ruyji Hara,

12, for Acosta's WBO junior flyweight title.
April 14
At London, Billy Joe Saunders v Martin Murray, 12, for Saunders' WBO middleweight title; Terry Flanagan v Maurice Hooker, 12, for the vacant WBO super lightweight title.

April 15
At Yokohama, Japan, Ryota Murata v Felice Blandamura, 12, for Murata's WBA World middleweight title.
April 21
At TBA (SHO), Adrien Broner v Omar Figueroa, 12, junior welterweights.
May 5
At TBA (PPV), Gennady Golovkin v Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Golovkin's IBF-WBA-WBC middleweight titles.
May 11
At Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Oleksandr Usyk v Murat Gassiev, 12, for IBF-WBA-WBC cruiserweight title (World Boxing Super Series final).
May 19
At Montreal (SHO), Adonis Stevenson v Badou Jack, 12, for Stevenson's WBC light heavyweight title.
At Leeds, England, Lee Selby v Josh Warrington, 12, for Selby's IBF featherweight title.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	57	38	16	3	79	204	154		
Boston	55	35	12	8	78	185	133		
Toronto	58	34	19	5	73	192	162		
Detroit	55	23	23	9	55	149	166		
Florida	53	24	23	6	54	154	172		
Montreal	55	22	26	7	51	144	172		
Ottawa	55	19	27	9	47	147	194		
Buffalo	57	17	30	10	44	137	188		
Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	56	32	17	7	71	176	165		
Pittsburgh	58	32	22	4	68	182	174		
Philadelphia	57	28	19	10	66	169	167		
New Jersey	56	28	20	8	64	168	174		
Carolina	57	27	21	9	63	158	169		
Columbus	56	29	23	4	62	151	156		
NY Islanders	58	27	25	6	60	194	214		
NY Rangers	57	27	25	5	59	166	175		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Nashville	55	34	12	9	77	173	143		
Winnipeg	57	33	15	9	75	183	154		
St Louis	59	34	21	4	72	170	151		
Dallas	57	33	20	4	70	175	151		
Minnesota	56	31	19	6	68	168	158		
Colorado	55	30	21	4	64	174	163		
Chicago	57	24	25	8	56	160	166		
Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vegas	56	37	15	4	78	192	154		
San Jose	57	30	19	8	68	166	158		
Calgary	57	29	20	8	66	161	164		
Los Angeles	56	30	21	5	65	162	140		
Anaheim	58	27	20	11	65	161	166		
Edmonton	55	23	28	4	50	157	184		
Vancouver	56	22	28	6	50	147	180		
Arizona	57	15	32	10	40	137	195		
Monday's results									
Toronto 4 Tampa Bay 3									

Florida 7 Edmonton 5
Arizona 6 Chicago 1
Tuesday's results
Carolina 7 Los Angeles 3
Columbus 4 NY Islanders 1
Pittsburgh 6 Ottawa 3
Buffalo 5 Tampa Bay 3
Boston 5 Calgary 2
New Jersey 5 Philadelphia 4, shoot-out
Detroit 2 Anaheim 1
Nashville 4 St. Louis 3, overtime
Winnipeg 4 Washington 3, overtime
Minnesota 3 NY Rangers 2
Vegas 5 Chicago 2
Arizona 2 San Jose 1
Today's games
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 8pm
NY Rangers at NY Islanders, 8pm
Carolina at New Jersey, 8pm
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 8.30pm
Buffalo at Ottawa, 8.30pm
Calgary at Nashville, 9pm
Washington at Minnesota, 9pm
Anaheim at Chicago, 9.30pm
Montreal at Arizona, 10pm
Edmonton at Vegas, 11pm
Vancouver at San Jose, 11.30pm
Tomorrow's games
Philadelphia at Columbus, 8pm
NY Islanders at Carolina, 8.30pm
Colorado at Winnipeg, 9pm
St Louis at Dallas, 9.30pm

TENNIS
ATP WORLD TOUR
NEW YORK OPEN
Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale
Singles
First Round
Adrian Mannarino, France, bt Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, 6-7, 7-5, 4-1, retired.
Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, bt Jeremy Chardy, France, 7-5, 6-3.
ATP WORLD TOUR
ABN AMRO WORLD TOURNAMENT
Ahoj! Stadium
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Singles
Second Round
David Goffin (4), Belgium, bt Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, bt Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-1, 6-2.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, bt Alexander Zverev (3), Germany, 6-4, 6-3.
ATP WORLD TOUR ARGENTINA OPEN
Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Singles
Second Round
Guido Pella, Argentina, bt Fernando Verdasco (8), Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, bt Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
WTA QATAR TOTAL OPEN
The Khalifa Tennis Complex
Doha, Qatar
Singles
Second Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, bt Carina Witthoef, Germany, 6-2, 6-0.
Johanna Konta (10), Britain, bt Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.
Elina Svitolina (3), Ukraine, bt Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Petra Kvitova (16), Czech Republic, bt Agnieszka Radwanska, Poland, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Julia Goerges (9), Germany, bt Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
Anna Blinkova, Russia, bt Kristina Mladenovic (11), France, 6-3, 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, bt Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-4, 6-1.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, bt Elise Mertens (15), Belgium, 7-5, 6-4.
Karolina Pliskova (5), Czech Republic, bt Alize Cornet, France, 6-2, 6-3.
CiCi Bellis, United States, bt Madison Keys (12), United States, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Anastasija Sevastova (13), Latvia, bt Naomi Osaka, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
Simona Halep (2), Romania, bt Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-3, 6-0.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, bt Magdalena Rybarikova (14), Slovakia,